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Referred to Committee on Select Committee on Veterans' Affairs

Introduced by:
(VA)

AN ACT CONCERNING DISRUPTION OF A MILITARY FUNERAL.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2007*) (a) For the purposes of
2 this section:

3 (1) "Armed forces" means (A) the United States Army, Navy, Marine
4 Corps, Coast Guard and Air Force, including any reserve component
5 thereof, and the Connecticut National Guard, and (B) any women's
6 auxiliary branch thereof organized pursuant to an Act of Congress;

7 (2) "Funeral of a member or former member of the armed forces"
8 means any ceremony or memorial service held in connection with the
9 burial or cremation of a member or former member of the armed
10 forces; and

11 (3) "Boundary of the location", with respect to a funeral of a member
12 or former member of the armed forces, means (A) in the case of a
13 funeral of a member or former member of the armed forces that is held
14 at a cemetery, the property line of the cemetery; (B) in the case of a
15 funeral of a member or former member of the armed forces that is held

16 at a mortuary, the property line of the mortuary; (C) in the case of a
 17 funeral of a member or former member of the armed forces that is held
 18 at a house of worship, the property line of the house of worship; and
 19 (D) in the case of a funeral of a member or former member of the
 20 armed forces that is held at any other type of location, the reasonable
 21 property line of that location.

22 (b) With respect to any funeral of a member or former member of
 23 the armed forces that is not located at a cemetery under the control of
 24 the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, no person may
 25 engage in an activity during the period beginning sixty minutes before
 26 and ending sixty minutes after such funeral, any part of which activity:

27 (1) (A) Takes place within the boundaries of the location of such
 28 funeral or takes place within one hundred fifty feet of the point of the
 29 intersection between (i) the boundary of the location of such funeral;
 30 and (ii) a road, pathway, or other route of ingress to or egress from the
 31 location of such funeral; and (B) includes any individual wilfully
 32 making or assisting in the making of any noise or diversion that is not
 33 part of such funeral and that disturbs or tends to disturb the peace or
 34 good order of such funeral with the intent of disturbing the peace or
 35 good order of that funeral; or

36 (2) (A) Is within three hundred feet of the boundary of the location
 37 of such funeral; and (B) includes any individual wilfully and without
 38 proper authorization impeding the access to or egress from such
 39 location with the intent to impede the access to or egress from such
 40 location.

41 (c) Any person who violates any provision of this section shall be
 42 guilty of a class A misdemeanor.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2007	New section

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